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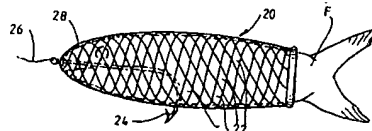
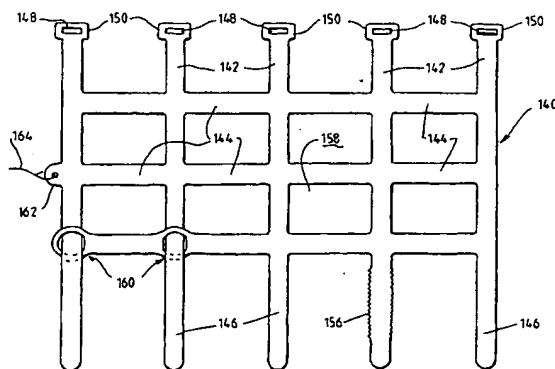
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(57) Abstract: A bait holding apparatus (20, 140) includes a deformable receptacle (20, 140) into which the bait (F) can be placed such that the receptacle (20, 140) can deform around the bait (F). A plurality of apertures (22, 158) are defined in the receptacle (20, 140) such that, when the bait (F) is placed therein, the predator can sense the bait (F) via the apertures (22, 158). The apparatus (20, 140) can have a shape that enables it to surround the bait (F) in a close-facing relationship. Alternatively, the apparatus (140) can be a plurality of interconnected ties (142). A method for forming the apparatus (20) includes the steps of dipping a mandrel into molten material for the sleeve; removing the mandrel and allowing the sleeve to solidify around the mandrel; forming a plurality of

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